

## Sermon Outline

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### Possessing the Promises: Part 11 God Lays Claim On What Is His

- I. THE LEADERSHIP OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD
- II. GOD HAD ALREADY BEEN AT WORK IN JERICHO
- III. RAHAB AND GOD
- IV. STANDING AT THE JORDAN
- V. THE EXERCISE OF TRUE FAITH: THE PRIESTS STANDING IN THE WATER
- VI. THE SUPERNATURAL GOD ACTS: GOD DRIES UP THE JORDAN
- VII. THE SUPERNATURAL GOD EASILY DOES SUPERNATURAL WORKS
- VIII. GOD EXPECTS US TO REMEMBER HIS SUPERNATURAL WORKS
- IX. GOD'S GREATNESS WAS MEMORIALIZED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
- X. GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH THE PEOPLE WITH THE ACT OF CIRCUMCISION
- XI. THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE PASSOVER: CELEBRATING GOD'S DELIVERANCE
- XII. WHEN WE FULFILL OUR GOD-ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES
- XIII. RECEIVING THE GIFT OF GOD
- XIV. CONQUERING JERICHO: THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH
- XV. GIVING GOD WHAT HE CLAIMS AS HIS

#### A. God Called Abraham to Go to a New Land That Didn't Belong to Him

*God called Abraham and promised to give him a land* Gen. 12:1; 15:13-21

- 1. The land belonged to God though some people already inhabited it
- 2. God did something to reveal Himself to the inhabitants of the land, but has only told us that "the iniquity of the Amorites (those who inhabited the land) was not yet full" Genesis 15:13-16
- 3. Abraham's descendants would have to wait in bondage for 400 yrs before they could inhabit the land that God was giving to them.

#### B. Canaan, The Land of Promise, Belonged to God

- 1. God gave Jericho, as the first fruits, to Joshua & the people Joshua 6:2
- 2. It was His to do with as He desired
- 3. God wanted Jericho to be totally destroyed
- 4. God wanted all the people to recognize His ownership and provision
- 5. God had one requirement:
  - a. As the first fruits, Jericho was to be devoted to God to recognize that He was the owner of it, that it was His, even though He was giving it to them
  - b. If they devoted it to Him, made it holy, both it and they would be blessed  
Leviticus 27:1-34; Numbers 18:24-30; Deuteronomy 12:6-17; 14:22
  - a. If they disobeyed and kept what was God's for themselves, it became an accursed thing and they were accursed Joshua 6:17-19; 7:1-26

#### C. Lessons For Us To Learn, Remember and Practice: Malachi 3:8-12

- 1. Everything we have belongs to God and is a gift from Him
- 2. Tithing, giving Him the first fruits, the 10%, is the way we recognize Him, His ownership and His provision
- 3. If we honor Him, obey Him and give Him the tithe, He blesses us
- 4. If we steal what is His and use it for ourselves, we curse ourselves